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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 07/21/07	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/14/07
Broiler/fryer	166,811	168,371
Light hens	1,212	1,231
Heavy hens	1,640	1,593

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	294	3	297
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	247	0	247
Same week yr ago	56	4	60
To-date/2007	6,909	17	6,926
To-date/2006	5,222	23	5,245

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,443	1,669	3,112
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,278	1,180	2,458
Same week yr ago	1,236	1,558	2,794
To-date/2007	38,231	39,451	77,682
To-date/2006	37,026	41,065	78,091

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-07 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	166,955	1,149	1,666	2,815
Avg Wt	5.51	3.46	8.13	6.22
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	148,315	1,031	1,180	2,211
Same wk yr ago	160,498	1 180	1,554	2,734
Avg Wt	5.34	3.32	7.79	5.86
To-date/2007	4,461,188	31,322	39,434	70,756
To-date/2006	4,501,935	31,804	41,042	72,846

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 170.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.0 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-07

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	43,108	76,785	33,473	13,589	166,955
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.41	6.98	8.16	5.51
% of total /1	26%	46%	20%	8%	100%
Last week	39,277	76,255	25,763	7,020	148,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.35	7.01	8.25	5.29
% of total /1	26%	51%	17%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	51,395	66,192	27,851	15,060	160,498
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.72	7.07	8.18	5.34
% of total /1	32%	41%	17%	9%	100%
To date/2007	1,198,736	2,249,812	686,204	326,435	4,461,187
To date/2006	1,303,332	2,184,631	624,967	389,005	4,501,935

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Jul-07
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,100	2,829	30	0	4,959
Avg Wt	16.08	37.40	33.83	0.00	28.35
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,641	2,450	35	0	4,126
Same wk yr ago	1,931	2,903	16	1	4,851
Avg Wt	16.45	36.96	27.51	57.57	28.77
To-date/2007	53,951	71,618	474	117	126,160
To-date/2006	53,458	70,204	609	142	124,413

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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